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First record of *Fixsenia w-album* (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae) from Ibaraki Prefecture, Honshu

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Abstract *Fixsenia w-album* was recorded for the first time from Ibaraki Prefecture, Honshu, Japan.

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One female of *Fixsenia w-album* has been collected from Ibaraki Prefecture. In Japan, the species has been reported from Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu (Fukuda *et al*., 1984). Shiota *et al*. (1971) once reported a record of the species from Ibaraki Prefecture based on a specimen collected by Mr K. Minagawa from Mt Tatsuware-san. However, since then, a private letter was sent to Mr M. Shiota from Mr K. Minagawa, the collector of the specimen. He asked Mr M. Shiota to retract the record because he was doubtful whether the specimen had truly been collected from the locality (Shiota, 1973). Therefore, Shiota (1973) eliminated *F. w-album* from the butterfly list of Ibaraki Prefecture. Up to now, there was no record of the species from Ibaraki Prefecture (Sasaki, 1993). Thus, this is the first reliable record of the species from Ibaraki Prefecture. Naturally, the host plant of *F. w-album* in the present locality is unknown, but we found a few native *Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* trees, one of the major larval food plants (Fukuda *et al*., 1984) in the secondary forests.

Specimen examined. 1 ♀, Sadanami, Kitaibaraki-shi, Ibaraki Prefecture, 16. VII. 1999, I. Okochi leg. The specimen will be deposited in the collection of FFPRI (Fig. 1).

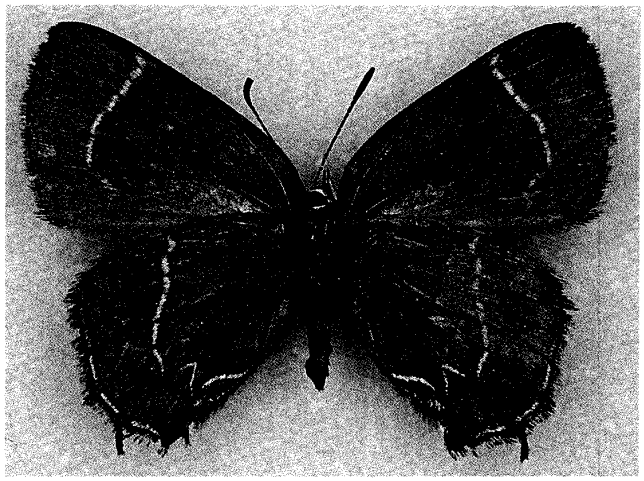

Fig. 1. First recorded female of *Fixsenia w-album* from Ibaraki Prefecture, Honshu. Underside.

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摘　　要

カラスシジミの茨城県における初記録 (井上大成・大河内勇)

カラスシジミの茨城県における記録は，かつて，皆川勝幸氏が竪割山で採集したとする標本に基づいて，塩田ら (1971) によって報告されたことがある．しかしその後，採集者自身が，その標本の記録地に疑問が生じたため記録を取り消して欲しいと申し出たため，塩田 (1973) によって茨城県からの本種の記録が削除された．それ以降，茨城県からは本種の採集記録はない．1999 年 7 月 16 日に筆者の一人，大河内によって茨城県北茨城市定波から本種の雌が採集されたので報告する．この記録は茨城県からの本種の確実な初記録である．採集地周辺の二次林内には少数のハルニレの木が見られた．

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